

## **BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE TECHNICIAN (Natural Resource Management)**

**LOCATION:** North Dakota State Parks and Recreation Department, Bismarck, ND

**STARTING/ENDING DATES:** May 1– September 30 (flexible)

**STATUS:** Temporary Season (2 positions)

**COMPENSATION:** \$16.00 per hour plus travel per-diem and lodging

**CLOSING DATE:** 5:00 PM, April 30, 2014

**DESCRIPTION:** The biological technician will be responsible for performing tasks associated with the maintenance of state parks natural resources. The focus of the work will be noxious weed control but tasks may also include invasive species control, tree/shrub planting and maintenance, restoration seeding, and trail maintenance.

**DUTIES:** Duties and responsibilities include but not limited to tree and shrub planting and maintenance, restoration seeding, calibration of herbicide application equipment, safely applying herbicide spray mixtures to targeted vegetation, operating ATV's, pickups, tractors with spray delivery systems, backpack sprayers, operating chainsaws, and use of small hand tools for mechanical removal of noxious and invasive plant species. Technician will be required to attend training and safety sessions. Maintain detailed daily activity records and pesticide application records.

**WORKING CONDITIONS:** Working environments vary considerably in this occupation. Technicians will work in the outdoors in all weather conditions. Position requires travel to several state parks during the field season with overnight stays. Lifting requirements generally range up to 50 pounds but some types of work are more physically demanding. Hours of work also vary with no weekend work.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** Either be enrolled in college or have a degree in one of the following fields: natural resource management, wildlife biology, ecology, forestry, agriculture or related field of study. Relevant experience may be considered in place of education. ***Must have or the ability to obtain a commercial applicator's pesticide certification.***

**REQUIREMENTS:** Self-motivated with the ability to effectively apply knowledge and common sense to solve problems and or achieve work objectives. Knowledge of plant identification preferable. Ability to follow written and oral instructions, work without supervision on a daily basis, work outdoors in extreme hot, cold, rainy, and windy weather conditions. ***Must possess a valid driver's license.*** Willingness to travel within North Dakota with overnight stays.

### **APPLICATION PROCEDURES:**

- Complete a State of ND Application for Employment (SFN 10950). Access application form at: <http://www.nd.gov/hrms/jobs/appforms.html> or hard copy from any ND Job Service Office.
- Provide supplement information such as a cover letter and resume and a brief summary of work experience.
- Fill in all information requested on the application form, such as dates of employment, hours worked per week, credits earned, etc.
- Applicants must be legally authorized to work in the United States.
- Background checks will be conducted.
- All application materials must be received on the closing date by 5:00 PM or before the closing date.

**SEND APPLICATIONS via Email, Fax or mail to:**

North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department

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For more information about the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department, please visit our website:

<http://www.parkrec.nd.gov/>. For more information about state employment benefits, go to

<http://www.nd.gov/hrms>

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